

WHAT CONNECTION

Has the Kaiser With the Lutheran Church of America?

Prof. J. A. Wiedman, superintendent of the Freistatt parochial school, has prepared a series of articles of timely interest at this time. The first of the series follows:

"Freistatt, May 17, 1918.

"Dear Editor: Please publish the following article on 'The Relation of the American Lutheran Church to the German Emperor,' which is submitted to the public:

"What Connection Has the Kaiser With the Lutheran Church in America?" address delivered by Rev. T. Brand, vice president of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, at a Third Liberty Loan mass meeting held at Springfield, Ill., April 11, 1918":

It is a common impression in this country that the kaiser is the external, visible head of the Lutheran church of Germany, and therefore, in some manner, the head of the Lutheran church of North America. However, the kaiser is not the visible head of the Lutheran church in Germany. There is no such organization as a Lutheran church of Germany. Some of the federal states in the German empire have Lutheran state churches, but the empire has none. Neither has the kingdom of Prussia, which is a component part of the German empire. Prussia has a state church which is neither Lutheran nor Reformed, but a union of the two forms of Protestantism. This union was brought about by forcible action of the Prince of Prussia in 1817, and is called the United church.

Of this organization the kaiser is the head, not as kaiser, however, but as the king of Prussia. The kaiser and his family are not members of the Lutheran church.

II. The American Lutheran Church Is Absolutely Independent of Germany.

The Lutheran church of North America has never had connections of any kind with the United church of Prussia, nor with any one of the state churches of Germany. We organized ourselves absolutely independent of them. The kaiser can neither bid nor forbid with real or arrogated authority in the Lutheran church of America. Our Lutheran church of North America owes the kaiser absolutely no allegiance or obedience. Religiously the ministers and churches of the American Lutheran church stand in absolutely no connection with him.

If perchance the kaiser, after we have won the war, should come to our country on a visit, as his brother did some years ago, he could not become a member of our church, neither could he commune in the same without cleansing himself of certain tenets, practices and claims. This shows very clearly that the kaiser has absolutely no connection with the Lutheran church of North America. The Lutherans of America are not on a friendly, but on an oppositional footing, with the kaiser.

III. The Lutheran church of America has never solicited nor received financial assistance from the Prussian church or any other state church of Germany. All the institutions of the Lutheran church of America were founded and are maintained without German state help. While Germany may have shown pernicious activity in financing educational and charitable institutions in this and other countries we do not know of a single instance where an institution of our Lutheran church received a single penny from the kaiser or his representatives. This statement, made by one of our vice presidents, a man of high standing in the Lutheran church, cannot be doubted to be correct.

The very founders of our Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, of which we are members, were persecuted in Germany because they would not tolerate government interference with their sacred rights as Christians, and emigrated to the United States as pilgrim fathers in order to escape the thralldom of the German churches.

For conscientious reasons they kept their friends and their possessions behind them, and came to our hospitable shores in order to serve God as they believed right under the constitution of our country. Do you believe for a moment that they would allow the kaiser or any foreign prince to interfere with their religion after fleeing from him? People do not suffer persecution and all manner of hardship at the hands of princes, and voluntarily forsake their native country in order to re-establish the former relation when they have found a peaceful haven in a land of plenty.

Summing up the above, we must answer the question, "What connection has the kaiser with the Lutheran church of North America, specifically with our Missouri Synod?" with these words, "It has absolutely none." This is where we Lutherans stand today, as we did in 1840.

J. A. WIEDMAN.

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THE RED CROSS—THE UNIT OF HUMANITY

In all this welter and confusion, wars and rumors of war, through all the hate and slaughter and accusation and denial and misunderstanding, runs one deep, low tone of harmony. Beneath the painful discord is one healing tone, a broad, unifying diapason.

It is the Red Cross. Among our strident inhumanities this is the one thing Human. We may quarrel in traffic, strive in politics and party, envy in learning, contend over possessions and wound and slay in angry pride, but in a gesture of Mercy we all, friend and foe, suddenly fuse and blend.

One touch of Mercy makes the whole world kin. The Red Cross is the inarticulate protest of Humanity against the doings of nations. It is the assurance of the Christ that He has not wholly abandoned His world.—Dr. Frank Crane in The Red Cross Magazine for June.

Lawrence Circuit Court

Circuit court commenced Monday, April 13, with all officers present. The grand jury was given instruction by the judge and went directly to work. The court did little the first two days except to hear motions and determine cases and assess punishment where pleas of guilty were entered. The following divorces were granted: Jessie Neely from Wm. Neely; Mary Shea from Wm. Shea; Vesta Lewis from Wm. E. Lewis; she was granted gross alimony in the sum of \$500 and maiden name of Vesta Jones restored; Mary Rutledge from Andy Rutledge; R. W. Thompson from Myrtle M. Thompson; J. C. McDonald from Minda McDonald; she was allowed temporary alimony in the sum of \$22.50 per month, with house rent free; Hannah Miller from Samuel R. Miller; her maiden name of Coudill was restored; Sue Nicalay from J. W. Nicalay; her maiden name of Douart was restored; Celia Garland from R. M. Garland.

Ab Galloway pleaded guilty to assault and was fined \$5. Clarence Graham and Verbin Darrel, charged with disturbing religious worship, were placed under a bond of \$100 for appearance for trial. Mrs. Frank Buckley is spending the day in Peirce City. Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams came Wednesday morning to spend the day with Miss Leta Russey. Mr. Williams is in training at Camp Funston, Kan., and has been visiting his wife at Jenkins. She came back with him to Monett. He will leave this evening for the camp.

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ALLIES DEMAND MORE CEREALS

American Meat Restrictions Relaxed to Effect Greater Wheat Savings.

ARGENTINE ARRIVALS SHORT.

Meat Supply Here Considerably Enlarged - Food Administration, However, Warns Against Waste.

The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine. It is, therefore, necessary for the U. S. Food Administration to urge a still further reduction in the consumption of bread and breadstuffs generally if we are to meet our export necessities. The Food Administration has issued a statement explaining the situation in detail, particularly the reasons which lead it, for the purpose of centering effort for the time being upon the cereal situation to relax temporarily the restrictions on meat consumption.

Experience shows, this statement says, that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged, and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption. In these circumstances the Food Administration considers it wise to relax the voluntary restrictions on meat consumption to some extent with a view to further decreasing bread consumption.

Conservation of food must be adjusted to meet necessities from time to time, for neither production, nor allied demands are constant factors, nor can any of these factors be anticipated for long periods in advance in the disturbed conditions in which we at present live. While the world situation is in the efforts to eliminate waste or to relax economy in food, the Administration desires to secure better adjustment in food balances.

So long as the present conditions continue the only special restrictions we ask are the needless and pointless Tuesday.

The meatless meal and the porkless Saturday are no longer asked.

The farmers of the United States are responding to the national call to increase hog production. Their increase, to all appearances, is being attained more rapidly. Of more immediate importance, however, are several complex factors which have effected an immediate increase in meat supplies.

The transportation shortage before the government took over the railroads, the bad weather in January and early in February, the large percentage of immature corn in the last harvest and the necessity of feeding this corn as rapidly as possible to save it from decay, have not only resulted in backing up the animals—particularly hogs—on the farms for a longer period of feeding, but have resulted in a great increase in their average weight and will result, with improved transportation conditions, which already appear, in larger than normal arrivals at market for the next two or three months. The weight of hogs coming to the market for the past two weeks indicates an increase in weight of from an average of 203 pounds last year to the almost unprecedented average of 232 pounds, or a net increase in their meat value of over 15 per cent. This is a distinct addition to the nation's meat supply. It therefore now seems certain that we have such enlarged supplies for at least some months to come, that we can not only increase our exports to the allies to the full extent of their transportation facilities, but at the same time can properly increase our domestic consumption.

The response of the public to our requests for reduced consumption of meat during the past few months has been most gratifying, and this service alone has enabled the government during this period to provide such supplies as transportation to the allies permitted.

The Administration also suggests that in those parts of the country where the old fashioned home preservation of pork is still the custom, this practice should be extended at the present time, as it will relieve the burden upon transportation to and from the packing houses and is economically sound as saving the cost of packing operations and at the same time will provide home supplies of pork to last over the months of decreased supplies.

The Food Administration desires to repeat that it does not want to give the impression that these are times when simplicity and moderation of living are not critically necessary, but that its sole desire is to secure an adjustment between our different food supplies and meet changing conditions from time to time and to keep the public fully and frankly advised of its position with the full confidence and reliance that whenever it becomes necessary renewed appeals for saving will meet the same loyal response as in the past.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Bingham has secured material for pajamas and work will begin on these garments in a short time.

Monday was a record day in surgical dressings, the workers making 1,450 pieces.

The local chapter has made up thirteen bolts of muslin into hospital garments during the past six months. Mrs. Bingham, director of woman's work, is wearing the blue bonnet, which is her official headdress.

Up to Monday evening 13,750 2x2 wipes had been completed, leaving only 7,250 more to make to complete the box of 21,000.

There is an urgent call for refugee garments and the chapter may form a section to make the necessary articles.

Tomorrow and Friday will be garment-making days. Mrs. Sater, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Durnil have been busy cutting and there is plenty of material for work.

NO PULLMAN RESERVATIONS

J. N. Cornatzer, general passenger agent of the Frisco, has issued a statement that hereafter no Pullman reservations will be made by telegraph or telephone for patrons of the road, the patrons themselves having to see about reservations.

J. J. PECK ARRIVES

IN COLORADO SPRINGS Mrs. J. J. Peck received a letter this morning from her husband. He had reached the Modern Woodmen Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., and was feeling fine and that everything was grand out there. He will live at the home there and will receive treatment.

Mrs. George Suefert, of Aurora, was in Monett Tuesday.

Miss Lois Blankenship is assisting in the postoffice news stand this week.

Mrs. H. H. Brown, of Joplin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Walsh.

Mrs. Glen Buckley is visiting in Wichita, Kan., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Erwin and little son, Patrick, of Cassville, visited the peony fields at Sarcoxie Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Medlin and Mrs. Clyde Gustin are visiting relatives in St. Louis.

Miss Nadine Wolf, of Springfield, visited friends in Monett Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. George Brown's little son was bitten by a dog Sunday and quite badly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rickman and family left Wednesday morning for a week's visit with relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Martin and daughters, Misses Rose and Genevieve, and Miss Helen Marie Coleman, of Springfield, visited the peony fields at Sarcoxie Sunday.

A birth announcement has been received from Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Barton, of Joplin, announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Charlotte Mae, born Thursday, May 2.

Many people from the nearby towns are coming in each day and will help harvest the strawberries. Unless more people volunteer to help pick the berries, many will go to waste.

Will Cunningham, an employee of the ice plant, fell from the dock Tuesday night and broke his arm. He was taken to the West hospital, where he received treatment. It was the first night he had worked at that place.

Ever Get Bilious? Try This

NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right

When your liver goes on strike and you feel a sick headache and bilious spell coming on, instead of prodding your liver with dangerous calomel and lashing your bowels with strong, irritating purgatives, get out your box of mild, gentle-acting NR Tablets and take one right off.

Relief will come just as quickly and with it genuine, lasting benefit. There will be no griping, gnawing pains or doubling stomach ache. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) work promptly and thoroughly, but the action is gentle, mild and soothing.

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MONETT CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS

This chapter has been organized since last summer and during the Christmas membership drive the list was increased to over 2,700 members. The jurisdiction of Monett's Chapter covers all of Barry county situated north of a line running east and west five miles north of Cassville and the village of Forest Park, in Lawrence county.

Since the first of 1918 the chapter work room has been in the Elks' building, on Fourth street. The surgical dressings and garment-making work is done there. The knitting is done at the homes of members.

The Red Cross drive which is to start May 20 and continue for one week will revive fresh interest, no doubt. This will not be a membership drive, but memberships will be accepted at all times.

The chapter officers have furnished us with a statement of the condition of the organization at this date, which we are glad to furnish for the information of the members and public in general.

Financial statement of the Monett Chapter of the American Red Cross:

Receipts	
Annual members	\$2,662.00
Magazine members	96.00
Sustaining members	10.00
Contributing members	5.00
Donations	371.75
Donation, foreign relief	85.00
	\$3,229.75

Disbursements	
Remitted membership and magazine dues	\$1,426.50
Paid for garment and surgical dressing supplies and equipment	586.68
Remitted for foreign relief	85.00
Expenses membership campaign	51.90
Postage, telegraph, telephone, freight and express	56.79
Paid for janitor service	9.75
Refunded Waldensian Branch for 42 members	42.00
Refunded Wheaton Branch for 57 members	28.50
Refunded Purity Branch for 300 members	145.00
	\$2,432.12

Cash in bank	797.63
	\$399.42

Outstanding Obligations	
Balance due division headquarters for membership	\$.50
Supplies ordered	253.50
Warrants issued, but unpaid by bank	80.42
Due Bricefield Branch on 80 members	40.00
Due Kings Prairie Branch on 50 members	25.00
	\$399.42

Balance due Monett Chapter after obligations are paid: 398.21
DR. W. M. WEST, Chairman.
PHILIP B. DAVIS, Secretary.
—From The Monett Times May 17, 1918.

Mrs. Willie Dane is visiting relatives at Marionville.

ANOTHER BUNCH OF KEYS has been found. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. 68-1f

Miss Jessie Ash has returned to her home at Sarcoxie, after a visit with her brother, Elmer Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Fritz, of Freistatt, were shopping in Monett Tuesday.

Mrs. Gene Payne, of Fort Smith, visited friends here the first of the week. She went from here to Neosho to visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Stevens.



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